

## Francis A. 'Frank' Roberts, former officer, 89

Francis A. "Frank" Roberts, age 89, of Centerville, formerly of Duxbury, died Aug. 27 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Mr. Roberts served during World War II with distinction and received a Bronze Star for heroism and valor, after rescuing and leading to safety, an Army platoon trapped behind enemy lines, at Guadalcanal in the Pacific theater. Mr. Roberts was the service manager of Herrick Auto Sales in Duxbury for many years and retired from Mid-Cape Ford in Hyannis.

Mr. Roberts served as a volunteer firefighter and an auxiliary police officer in Duxbury. He was a long time member of the Duxbury Boosters Club, the town Cribbage League (often winning the championship with his partner, Gordon Hubbard), a little league coach and a pony league and little league umpire. He was

a Scoutmaster of Duxbury BSA Troop 52 from the 1950's into the 1970's and guided a number of scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Roberts leaves his wife, M. Louise (Bejune); his sons, Kenneth W. Roberts of Groton and Paul A. Roberts and his wife Abigail of Hatfield; his daughter, Barbara L. Murray and her husband John of Carver; a daughter-in-law, Sandra E. Roberts of Ashland; and seven grandchildren, including the late Christopher Roberts.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cape Regency Resident Sunshine Fund, c/o Activities Dept., 120 S. Main St. Centerville, MA 02632. A private burial will take place at Mayflower Cemetery in Duxbury.